



MCC Newsletter December 2019



*Wishing all our members
a very merry Christmas and very happy 2020*

Diary Dates:

Christmas Get-Together: Sunday 22/12/2019 at 5pm – Bring some drinks and nibbles

New Years Eve Party, from 5:00pm on 31/12/2019: Bring your own food and drinks
Croquet from 5:00pm – then BBQ on the verandah at twilight.

Opening Celebration of the 2020 Croquet Season: Opening Party date is Saturday 7 March 2020

Club Christmas Party

Our Christmas Party held on 8 December was a great success. Everyone had a great time, especially playing the novelty games so well-prepared by **Penny Paterson**. Even the washing-up at the end of the party was fun, accompanied by favourite music from the 1970's and 1980's.

It was declared "the best Christmas Party ever" – see photos on the website and on the club's Facebook page.

The party could not have worked so well without so many helping hands – setting up games, setting up and putting away all the tables and chairs, helping to prepare and clean up after the dinner, etc, etc. **Biggest thanks go to Cali Craig** who arranged the grand Christmas feast for around 75 club members!! Huge job. Well done Cali, and team of helpers. **Rosie Portus** requires a special mention for (among other things) ensuring everybody PAID!



*The Mayor carved the first slice of ham,
under the guidance of Mary Gibson and Cali Craig*

A highlight of the feast was the Christmas ham, ably glazed and cooked on the BBQ by **Greg Breden** – only to be surpassed by the incredible giant Christmas pudding made by our president **Mary Gibson**. Delicious!!

Annual Awards

The Mayor of Mosman, Carolyn Corrigan, attended our Christmas Party to present the annual awards for the club.

AC Champions 2019:

Club Champion	Helen Collins
Platinum Champion	Denis Edleston
Gold Champion	Rob Wright
Silver Champion	Denis Edleston
Bronze Champion	Denis Edleston
The Spring Trophy (H/c Singles)	Dennis Paton
Florence Scott Cup	Fidy Westgarth
The Barry O'Keefe Trophy (H/c Doubles)	Helen Collins and Lindsay Thompson

GC Champions 2019:

Club Champion	Denis Edleston
Division 1 Champion	Denis Edleston
Division 2 Champion	Vaughn Pairman
Division 3 Champion	De Howarth
Top 10 Challenge	Lyn Day
Geoff Grist Ladder (H/c Singles)	Penny Paterson
Gibson Trophy (H/c Singles)	Richard Westgarth
Martyn Prins Trophy (H/c Doubles):	Vaughn Pairman and Helen Collins

AND the winner for **Most-Improved Player** in any discipline was **Penny Paterson**.

Congratulations, Penny – well-deserved!



Helen Collins: Club AC Champion, 2019



Denis Edleston: Club GC Champion – Denis won nearly every category he entered, AC & GC



Most-Improved Player: Penny Paterson

Club Matters:

Corporate Functions

Thank you to the many Club members who helped at the corporate functions over the last few weeks, and during the year. Our guests always have a great time when they come to play at our Club – and we have made over \$8,500 in the four-week period to Christmas.

We greatly appreciate all your assistance, and encourage more of our members to help out at these functions, even our new members. It is always an enjoyable time for everyone.

GC Pennants: commence mid-February

Information has been sent to all who played in NSW Pennants competition in 2019. For both Div 2 and Div 3 Pennants: **ENTRIES CLOSE 6 February**.

If you have not played in the Pennants but would like to in 2020, **Richard Westgarth** will help you with your handicap card and Pennants information. **CONTACT: richard@westgarth.com.au**

Ground Pearl – especially a problem on Lawn 1

Last Tuesday the Club had a visit from **Mr Daryl Davidson**, Head Grounds Curator at Sydney University where research on the control of Ground Pearl is being undertaken. Daryl spoke about efforts to eradicate the pest on Sydney University playing fields, none of which have so far proved viable. Daryl said that Ground Pearl is a world-wide problem which is proving impossible to effectively and economically control.

Our grounds keeper, **Scott Denham**, who also attended, is regularly spraying a range of pesticides on our lawns to limit the spread and effect of Ground Pearl.

The general consensus of the meeting was that we will have to live with the problem, and that we are currently using an appropriate control program.

New Club Members

Welcome to new members over the last month: **Bruce and Janine Beeren, Andrew Fisher, Sally Rose, Vicki Morrison, and Ken and Shirley Reynolds**.

Please make our newcomers welcome, and invite them to play when you see them at the Club.

Lawn Closures

All lawns are currently open. Lawns 3 and 4 have undergone renovation and re-opened 14 Dec. Lawns 1 and 2 and the Practice Lawn will close for renovation early January 2020



See you on the Lawns!!